OVW FY 2024 Grants to Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program Pre-Application Information Session

Solicitation	https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations
Registration for SAM / Grants.gov / JustGrants	Confirm registrations are current and active or begin registration process AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
Grants.gov Info	Tuesday, Aug 13, 2023 – 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time CFDA Number: 16.024 - Grants.gov Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2023-171514 For technical assistance with Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov Applicant Support at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov www.grants.gov
JustGrants Info	Thursday, Aug 15, 2023 – 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time For technical assistance with JustGrants, contact OVW JustGrants Support at 1-866-655-4482 or OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov www.justicegrants.gov
Programmatic Questions	Email <u>OWV.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov</u>
Financial Questions	OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556

Session Overview

- > Important solicitation deadlines
- > Brief overview of the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program
- > Registration and submission process
- > Award periods, amounts and eligibility
- > Types of applications
- > Program requirements and unallowable activities
- > Optional Program and OVW Priorities
- > Application package
- > Financial information
- > Application tips
- > Helpful contact information

About the OVW Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program page 5

The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) supports efforts to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by Tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations within Indian country and Alaska Native villages. TSASP supported projects provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, or police departments), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, nonoffending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

Important Deadlines

- > Register with SAM.gov, **Tuesday, July 23, 2024.**
- > Grants.gov deadline, Tuesday, August 13, 2024 11:59 PM ET
- > Just Grants deadline, Thursday, August 15, 2024 8:59 PM ET
- Late submissions are <u>not</u> accepted except in <u>very limited</u> circumstances. Refer to pages 21-23 of the solicitation for more information.
- Current registered applicants should ensure Universal Entity ID and SAM registrations have not expired.

Three Step Registration Process for DOJ Federal Awards

Register SAM.gov

Register Grants.gov Register JustGrants.gov

- Obtain Unique Entity ID
- Confirm Entity's Electronic Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)
- E-Biz POC completes onboarding and assigns the Authorized Representative (AOR)
- AOR submits SF-424 & SF-LLL in Grants.gov

 Register with JustGrants.gov

JustGrants Training

➤ Recorded webinars and short videos are available to assist you with the application and submission process.

➤ Visit the JustGrants website for more information:

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/ training



Technical Challenges

- Refer to pages 21 to 23 of the solicitation.
- If you experience challenges, continue writing your proposal and gathering all the necessary information while waiting for assistance and/or the issue to be resolved.
- ➤ Give yourself plenty of time.
- >Helpful contact information on the last slide.

Award Period and Amounts page 7

Funding Type	Grant awards	
Estimated Total Funding	\$10,800,000	
Expected # of Awards	16	
Project Types	New (START SA) Continuation	
Project Types, Amount, and Length of Award Period	New – START-SA \$675,000, 36 months Continuation, \$450,000, 24 months	

Eligibility page 8

- > Tribal Governments
- > Tribal Consortiums
- Tribal Organizations
- Tribal Non-Profit Organizations

With **PROGRAMS** and **ACTIVITIES** in Indian country and Alaska Native Villages.

Current grantees with 50% or more of funds remaining in the existing award, as of March 31, 2024, may not be considered for funding, or may receive a reduced award amount if selected for funding in FY 2024.

Application Types Pages 7

- ➤ New Applicants (START-SA):
 - Have never received funding under TSASP.
- Continuation Applicants:
 - Applicants that have an existing or recently closed award (after July23, 2023) under this program.
 - Continuation applications are non-competitive.
 - Continuation funding is not guaranteed.

Purpose Area page 5

Funds under this program must be used to **support** the **establishment**, **maintenance**, and **expansion** of programs and projects within Indian country and Alaska native villages to provide **intervention and related assistance** to those victimized by sexual assault.

▶Intervention and related assistance includes:

Crisis intervention services and referral.

Accompaniment and advocacy

Short-term individual and group support services, service coordination

Information and referral

Culturally specific services

Development and distribution of materials related to the services 1-5.

Purpose Area (continued)

DIRECT VICTIM SERVICES to survivors of sexual violence and their non-offending family/household members.

Not restricted by **GENDER** or **AGE** or when the **SEXUAL ASSAULT HAPPENED**.

Pay attention to what is not listed in the purpose areas and what is out of scope.

TSASP Out of Scope Activities page 6

Research projects

Activities focused on prevention efforts and public education

Criminal justice-related projects, beyond advocacy, including updating legal codes or funding law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and forensic interviews

Providing domestic violence or dating violence victim services unrelated to intimate partner sexual violence

Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examiner programs

Sexual Assault Response Team coordination

Providing training to allied professionals and the community

If your application proposes out-of-scope activities, points may be deducted from your application score, or it may be eliminated from consideration entirely.

Victim Safety and Confidentiality pages 6

- > OVW does not fund activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions.
- ➤ Refer to the <u>Solicitation Companion Guide</u> on the OVW website for the full list of activities.

TSASP-specific activities include:

- Procedures or policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator.
- ➤ Couples counseling, family counseling, or any other joint victimoffender counseling as a routine or required response to sexual assault.
- Materials that are not tailored to the dynamics of sexual assault or to tribal communities.

Post-award Program Requirements

- OVW training and technical assistance
- Performance reporting
- Participation in assessment or evaluation
- New applicants, START-SA
- Provide direct SA victim services

Application Information

The following are major elements of the application and are required to be uploaded as attachments in JustGrants:

- 1. Proposal Narrative
- 2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative
- Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply (not required for Indian Tribes)
 - a. Tribal Consortium documentation of authority (page 18)
 - b. Tribal Organization or Nonprofit Tribal Organization letter of support (page 18)

Applications that do not include all the following documents will be considered substantially incomplete, which may result in removal from consideration for funding, or if awarded, may result in award conditions precluding access to funds.

Proposal Narrative pages 13

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

The applicant submits an up to 15- page narrative

PROPOSAL PROJECT FORM

The applicant completes and submits the Proposal Project form

Proposal Narrative pages 14

NEW (START-SA)

CONTINUATION

Section	Points	Section	Points
Purpose of the Proposal	15	Purpose of the Proposal	NA
What Will be Done	50	What Will be Done	NA
Who Will Implement	15	Who Will Implement	NA

Note: It can be helpful to use each question as a section header and to respond to each question.

Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative pages 15-18

- OVW required TA and Travel
 - New Applicants \$35,000 / \$45,000
 - Continuation Applicants \$25,000 / \$35,000
 - Include funds to address accessibility needs
- Compensate all project partners
- Upload the budget as an excel document, and include a budget narrative
- Example budget on OVW website How to Apply for Funding /
 Resources for Applicants / <u>Budget Information and Sample</u>
 <u>Budget Detail Worksheet</u>

Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply Pages 18

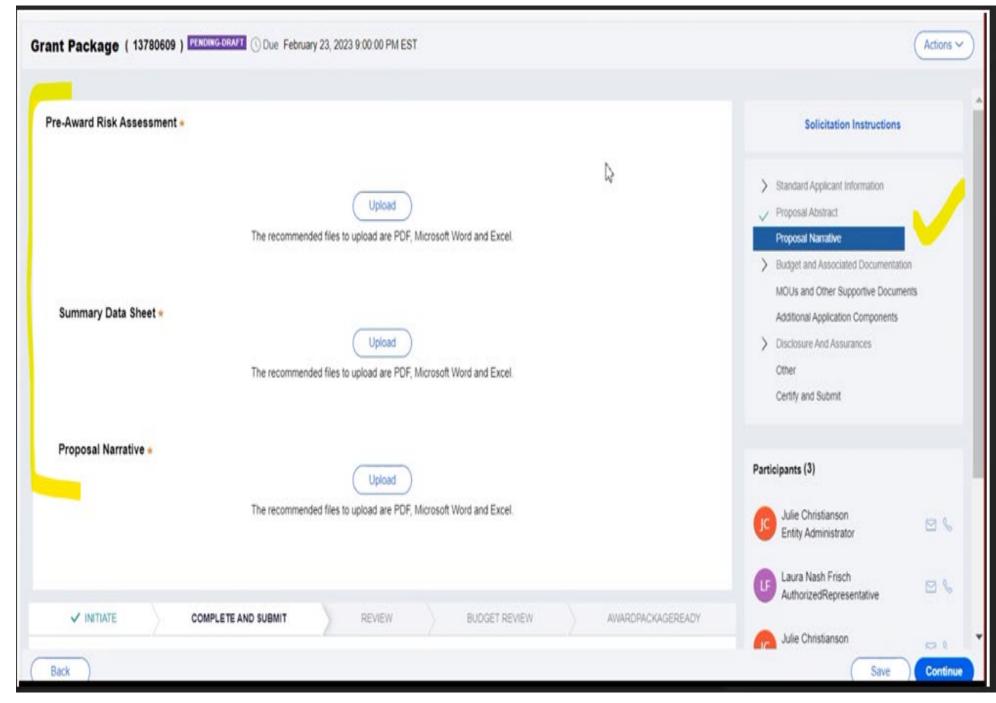
- ➤ Not required for Indian Tribes
- > Tribal consortiums must provide demonstration of authority to apply from each member.
- ➤ Tribal organizations and Tribal nonprofits must provide a letter(s) of support LOS from the tribe(s) to be served.
- A sample letter is on the <u>OVW resources for applicants</u> website.

Note: make sure your letter has all the pieces noted in the solicitation.

Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Most Common issues:

- ➤ Brief list of policies and procedures not provided
- ➤ Budgeted vs. Actual process not provided
- ➤ Record
 Retention policy
 not provided
- Knowledge of rules and regulations
- Summary Data
 Sheet



Creating a Budget: Training for OVW Applicants

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants

Youtube Video - https://www.justice.gov/ovw/video/creating-budget

Uniform Guidance - 2 CFR Part 200

https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1

DOJ Financial Guide

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants

Program Specific Solicitation

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations

OVW Applicant Resources

https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants



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Tips for Submitting a Strong and Responsive Application

- > Read the Solicitation in its entirety.
- ➤ Utilize the resources linked in the solicitation such as the FY 2024 Solicitation Companion Guide.
- Applications must include a proposal narrative, a budget detail worksheet and narrative, and if necessary, documents demonstrating authority to apply.
- ➤ LOAs that do not contain signatures are considered incomplete.
- ➤ Utilize the Application Checklist (page 27) when submitting application.
- Ensure that project designs and budgets account accessibility issues.

Tips (continued)

- ➤ Plan ahead and give yourself time to develop the application.
- ➤ Submit application as far in advance of the deadline as possible.
- Make the application easy to read and follow for all of the reviewers.
- > JustGrants only accepts three formats, Microsoft Word, PDF, or Text Document format.
- ➤ Print out your application before submitting.
- Number the pages in the application, specifically the project narrative.
- Monitor your email for alerts that the application was submitted successfully or rejected.

